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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | Examiner: John S Y Chu |
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| MASAHIKO KUBOTA, ET AL. |) | Group Art Unit: 1752 |
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| Application No.: 10/615,302 |) | |
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| Filed: July 9, 2003 |) | |
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| For: METHOD OF PRODUCING MICRO |) | |
| STRUCTURE, METHOD OF | : | |
| PRODUCING LIQUID DISCHARGE |) | |
| HEAD, AND LIQUID DISCHARGE | : | |
| HEAD BY THE SAME |) | October 29, 2004 |

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

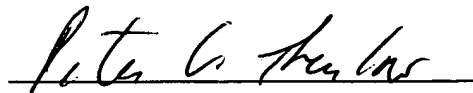
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group II (Claims 13-16, and 33-36) for initial prosecution. Favorable consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter G. Thurlow", is written over a horizontal line.

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